

Joint Commissioner and Council
Community Corrections Board Update

December 18, 2007 – 4:09 pm

Meeting called to order by President Rininger. Commissioners Rininger, Logsdon, Gogel, Board Attorney Lueken, Councilmen Spaetti, Ebert, Winsett, Cochenour, Kress, Kroeger, Bunner, and Council Attorney Wetherill were present.

Community Corrections Board

Prosecutor Jon Dartt gave the commissioners and council an update on the Community Corrections Board. Dartt stated that the board is in the process of selecting a director. Current employees of Community Service, Drug Court, and Education will all be transferred to be employees under the Community Corrections Board effective January 1, 2008. A portion of the budget (25%) or \$39,213 will be transferred to the county this month from the state.

At the first meeting the topic will be office space. Some of the employees already have offices, but ideally all of the offices under Community Corrections would be under the same roof. Options discussed have been the Kincaid building, the rooms above the Prosecutor's office, and the LEC Building.

When the director is in place, they will be traveling to other counties to see what they are doing. Then the director and the board will develop a strategic plan.

Rininger asked if this will increase efficiency. Dartt stated that the board believes it will by bringing everything under one umbrella.

Logsdon stated that the commissioners are looking at short and long term space needs for the county. He asked Dartt what the corrections board thought about the old jail. Dartt stated that the Department of Corrections position has been that county owned property is beneficial in the grant process. Sheriff Lindsey stated that the Commissioner of DOC toured the new and the old jail and he committed that they should not get rid of it. The commissioner said he was going to send an engineer to look at the feasibility of revamping the old jail. Lindsey stated he has not been given the results of the study.

Logsdon asked how many DOC prisoners the county currently holds. Lindsey stated currently the county has 29. The Commissioner stated he would keep the jail full. Logsdon stated that he has spoken with Ferman Yearby regarding the onsite education program for prisoners. Logsdon asked Lindsey if the DOC prisoners generate a positive cash flow for the county. Lindsey stated yes; the money goes directly back into the County General Fund. Councilman Kroeger stated that there is a discussion across the state if DOC prisoners actually cost the county more money than is generated.

Winsett asked Dartt what would happen if the state takes the grant away. Dartt stated that the county goes back to where we are now. But the DOC has had this program since the 80's and is committed to keeping it going.

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Logsdon made a motion to adjourn. Gogel seconded. All in favor. The meeting was adjourned at 4:36 pm.

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Cindy Shelton, Auditor

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